

House Resolution 1799

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Kaiser of the 59th, Oliver of the 83rd, Gardner of the 57th, Morgan of the 39th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Joanna Adams on the occasion of her
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Joanna Adams has earned a well-deserved reputation for building
4 bridges of understanding in both the community and the church and has demonstrated a deep,
5 personal commitment to improving the lives of others in the name of God; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Adams earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University and taught
7 English and creative writing at Grady High School before she graduated from Columbia
8 Theological Seminary; and

9 WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, Reverend Adams has diligently and conscientiously
10 devoted her time, talents, and energy to spreading the Gospel with five Presbyterian churches
11 in Georgia and Illinois, at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, North Decatur
12 Presbyterian Church in Decatur, and Central, Trinity, and Morningside Presbyterian
13 Churches in Atlanta; and

14 WHEREAS, her leadership and vision have been instrumental as trustee of the Presbyterian
15 Church Foundation and Agnes Scott College, chairperson of the Board of Trustees for
16 Columbia Theological Seminary and the Atlanta Advisory Committee, and president of the
17 YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta, the Georgia Committee for Religious Liberty, the Christian
18 Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, and the Columbia Seminary Alumni Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Adams has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
20 including an Alumni Association Medal of Honor from Emory University, a Columbia's
21 Distinguished Alumnae Award, 2006 Georgia Woman of the Year from the Georgia
22 Commission on Women, a Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Greater
23 Atlanta, and a Planned Parenthood of Georgia Living Legend Award; and

24 WHEREAS, she has been named one of the 45 most loved Atlantans by *Atlanta Magazine*
25 and One of the Most Influential Georgians by *Georgia Trend*; and

26 WHEREAS, a notable author, Reverend Adams has written over 30 published articles,
27 sermons, and chapters in books and has preached at the National Cathedral, the Memorial
28 Church at Harvard University, and many other Presbyterian and ecumenical events; and

29 WHEREAS, Reverend Adams is united in love and marriage to her supportive husband,
30 Alfred B. Adams III, and they have been blessed with two remarkable children, Elizabeth
31 and Sam, and two wonderful grandchildren.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Reverend Dr. Joanna Adams for her unparalleled record
34 of community service, recognize her 30 years of unmatched spiritual assistance, and
35 congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Joanna
38 Adams.